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In accordance with MPEP 803.02, should applicant overcome a rejection - by amending a claim - to exclude species anticipated or rendered obvious by the prior art, the search concerning amended claims will need to be extended to the extent necessary to determine patentability. Said search extension constitutes an additional consideration and/or search. See MPEP 714.13.

Here, the proposed amendment filed 3/12/2008 inserting "detection within a third channel" requires further search and consideration, constituting mode of operation not searched earlier.

The proposed amendment also does not place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal because the flowing protocol concerning flowing one second component or the set of second components that binds to the at least one first component or set of first components comprises four permutations which may precipitate new matter considerations under 35 USC 112 first paragraph.

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In light of the fact that the proposed amendments, filed 3/12/2008, after final rejection will not be entered, Applicant's arguments filed 3/12/2008 (see p 7-11) are rendered moot.

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